

**Recycling and Refuse Management Committee**  
Minutes from 4/11/08 meeting

**Present:** Meg Vickery, Chair; Susan Waite, DPW Liaison; Marianne Lorenzelli; Pat Church; Adrie Lester; Clare Bertrand; Lucy McMurrer.

Approved minutes from 3/13/08 with minor changes.

**Updates:**

The 20 rain barrels from the DEP grant are all gone and remaining rain barrels will now cost \$65. Barrels available for pickup at the DPW on 4/20.

Susan gave a School Lunch Committee summary about the Amherst schools food service providers. Whitson's won the contract. They need to address waste reduction issues and perhaps an invitation to one of our committee meetings might help them focus on that.

**Trash-Free Lunch Day**

All elementary schools will be having a Trash-Free lunch day on 4/18. Volunteers from the RRMC are needed from 11:30-1 to monitor composting, etc. in lunch rooms. Meg will be at Wildwood, Clare at Crocker Farm, and Susan at Fort River.

**Earth Day**

"Amherst Grows Green" is the combination of Earth Day and Arbor Day, celebrated on 4/26. A subcommittee of the two groups met, discussing:

- placing an ad in the Daily Hampshire Gazette and the Amherst Bulletin to promote events
- creating a poster and "brag board" for distribution around town and in businesses
- screening of an environmentally focused film at the Amherst Cinema
- three speakers at the Jones Library throughout the day to promote environmental issues (Todd Holland, Bernadette Giblin, Ellen Story)
- activities downtown and at Wheatberry's

The committee urged Susan to place the newspaper ad and will work on funding between now and next meeting. RRMC members will: distribute Amherst Grows Green posters around town (all members) and at events ("Wednesday After 5" gathering – Clare); write a letter to the Amherst Bulletin editor (Meg); send emails to contacts (all members) and school blogs (Clare); contact Channel 17 ACTV (Marianne); and send public service blurb to WFCR.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy McMurrer